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REQUEST FOR EXAMINER INTERVIEW

In the last three Office Actions (dated December 5, 2008, September 10, 2008, and February 20, 2008), FIG. 16 of Huebsch et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,853,422), hereinafter Huebsch '422, is annotated and presented as a hurdle to patentability. Attached is the most recent version of FIG. 16 from Huebsch '422 with original annotations from Christopher D. Prone shown in typeface. In an attempt to map the elements of claim 1 onto FIG. 16 of Huebsch '422, additional annotations by Carolyn H. Beck are shown in handwriting. Also attached, is a copy of pending claims 1 and 17 with bold typeface presenting the elements that are not present in Huebsch '422. Carolyn H. Beck (Reg. No. 57,588) and David R. Fairbairn (Reg. No. 26,047) request an opportunity to discuss currently pending claims 1 and 17 as they relate to FIG. 16 of Huebsch '422.

Respectfully submitted,

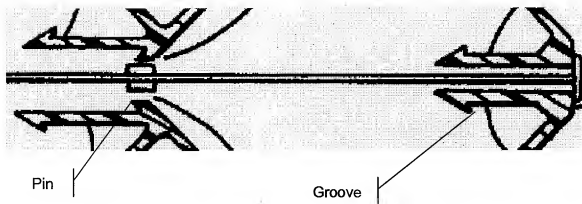
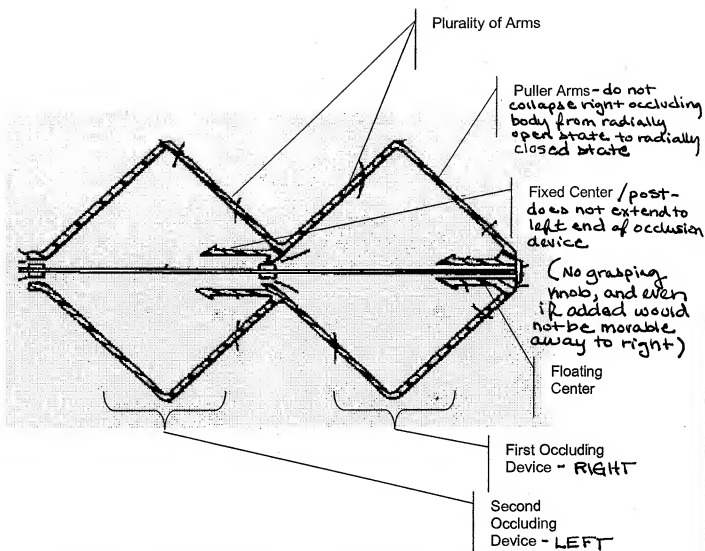
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CLAIMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. (Previously Presented) An occlusion device having a right end and having a left end that is insertable through a septal defect, the occlusion device comprising:

a center post **extending to the left end of the occlusion device;**

a right occluding body comprising a first plurality of arms attached to the center post at radially innermost ends;

a left occluding body comprising a second plurality of arms attached to the center post at radially innermost ends, the left occluding body being located closer to the left end of the occlusion device and the right occluding body being located closer to the right end of the occlusion device;

a plurality of puller arms attached to the right occluding body **for collapsing the right occluding body from a radially open state to a radially collapsed state,** the puller arms being located on a right side of the right occluding body;

a floating center located at the right end of the occlusion device external to the right occluding body and connected to the puller arms at a position to the right of both the right and left occluding bodies; and

a grasping knob located on a right end of the floating center wherein the floating center is positioned adjacent the center post when the right occluding body is in its radially open state, and is movable away to the right from the center post by force applied to the grasping knob in a direction to the right to cause the puller arms to radially collapse the right occluding body.

17. (Previously Presented) An occlusion device having a right end and a left end, the left end being insertable through a septal defect, the occlusion device comprising:

a center section extending in an axial direction **to the left end of the occlusion device;**

right and left elastic shape memory fixation devices each comprising a plurality of

arms attached to the center section at radially innermost ends such that each fixation device extends radially outward from the center section;

right and left sheets attached to the right and left fixation devices, respectively so that the left sheet is closer to the left end of the closure device, and the right sheet is closer to the right end of the closure device;

a plurality of puller arms connected to the right fixation device, the puller arms being positioned on a right side of the right fixation device;

a floating center positioned to the right of the center section and to the right of both the left and right sheets, and connected to the puller arms, the floating center being external to the right fixation device; and

a grasping knob located at the right end of the floating center, which, when pulled away from the center section, pulls the puller arms to collapse the right fixation device, and right sheet from a radially open state to a radially collapsed state.